

many hats—Army officer, business owner, and loving son. For this and for all he has given back, it is my honor to recognize his contributions on the floor of the People's House.

IN MEMORY OF STEVE FOX

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the tragic passing of Steve Fox, a pioneering advocate, strategist, a true leader in the cannabis legalization effort.

It is fitting today that we are passing the SAFE Banking Act. We wouldn't be where we are today without Steve and his amazing efforts. His life work, leadership, and strategic brilliance are unmatched.

Passing this critical legislation today would be a small part of a fitting memorial for a man whose efforts made it possible, indeed, imperative to solve this problem.

I first met Steve as we were strategizing on the Oregon legalization effort. Back in 2013, after the Colorado legalization campaign that he orchestrated had passed and before Oregon joined the ranks of legalization, he was already a legend. He pioneered so much of the groundwork for the legalization movement that exploded after the success of the Colorado campaign which owed so much to his strategic brilliance.

Steve was thoughtful, hardworking, and self-effacing. While this has become a national movement with many leaders now emerging, none compare with Steve. Few will fully understand his many contributions and importance. I for one will miss his genuine, quiet leadership.

As someone who's been working on this longer than anyone in American politics, I know we are all deeply, deeply indebted to Steve. We mourn his loss, extend our thoughts to his family and many friends.

This should be the year that we finish the pioneering work of his career. It would be a fitting capstone to a lifetime of cannabis leadership, activism, and progress.

HAJIR MOHAMMED

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hajir Mohammed for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Hajir Mohammed is a 12th grader at Eagle Ridge Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hajir Mohammed is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Hajir Mohammed for winning the Adams County

Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF REVEREND JOSEPH MCKNIGHT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Reverend Joseph McKnight who passed away February 27, 2021. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Born to Reverend Richard Franklin McKnight and Flora Hicks on January 4, 1956, Rev. McKnight was raised with the conviction of service to God. He grew up near Nashville, Tennessee and graduated high school before continuing his education in Theology and Psychology. At the age of 16 he recognized his call to ministry. In September of 1988 he was ordained as a Licensed Minister with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. McKnight married Roxan Prater on June 10, 1977. Throughout his ministry he has served as Pastor at Milledgeville Pentecostal Church, Youth President of the Tennessee District ALJC, and Youth Pastor for the Pentecostal Church of Blue Mountain. He has also served on the board of Iron Hill Christian Academy, Chairman of the Board of Blue Mountain Children's Home, and New Beginnings International Children's & Family Services Board.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Roxann; brothers Robert, Richard, Ron, and Steve; sister, Glenda; and many nieces and nephews.

Rev. McKnight had an immeasurable impact on the faith community across Mississippi and I am grateful to his service to God, family, and state.

HONORING HANK ROGERS

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Hank Rogers who passed away on January 4, 2021. My deepest condolences and most sincere prayers are with his wife of 49 years, Nancy, as well as his family and friends.

Mr. Rogers grew up in D'Iberville, and proudly lived and raised his family in South Mississippi. He is a 1970 graduate of D'Iberville High School and obtained his associates degree in Drafting from MGCCC.

Hank was a principled man devoted to his faith, his country, and his family. Many describe him as a funny, quick witted, intelligent, strong willed, "Southern Gentleman" who was committed to his beliefs, maintained a strong work ethic and served as a mentor to many in the community.

Hank was a volunteer leader having served as the President of the D'Iberville Historical Society, for two years, "heading up" many

projects geared toward revitalizing his hometown. He was a member of the Mississippi Civil Air Patrol, serving as Wing Commander from 2016 until his death, advancing up to the rank of Colonel. We honor Mr. Rogers for the service he showed to his country and to his community.

Although we are sad to hear of his passing, we take comfort in his example of a life well lived and the legacy he leaves behind. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Mr. Hank Rogers, a loving husband, a dedicated civil servant and a man of God.

IN HONOR OF THE HANNAFORD SUPERMARKETS' ACHIEVING ZERO WASTE IN THE YEAR 2020

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 19, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Hannaford Supermarkets in producing zero pounds of food waste in 2020. Hannaford Supermarkets has 183 stores located across New England and New York, making it the first large-scale supermarket to achieve this landmark in sustainability. Throughout 2020, Hannaford Supermarkets successfully diverted 65 million pounds of food waste out of landfills.

Instrumental in Hannaford's success in this endeavor is that each of its 183 stores has a team of hardworking individuals dedicated to rigidly following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Food Recovery Hierarchy. After reducing surplus at the source of production, the Food Recovery Hierarchy advises that to create a more sustainable food system, we donate surplus product to food insecure individuals, followed by donations to local farmers for animal feed.

Food recovery and donation have long been staples of Hannaford operations. However, when donations are not feasible, Hannaford Supermarkets partners with Agri-Cycle to engage in the hierarchy's fourth tier, industrial repurposing. Based in Scarborough, Maine, Agri-Cycle is a food waste recycling company that turns food into energy. Through this partnership, Hannaford has been able to fully realize their zero-food waste goal.

Achieving zero waste is an accomplishment on its own, but I would like to highlight the added difficulty to this task caused by the coronavirus pandemic. As the coronavirus waged on with no clear end in sight, our agriculture and food system industries were disrupted to an unprecedented degree. While shoppers began to decrease their number of supermarket visits to limit their exposure to the disease, they simultaneously began spending more per trip. Hannaford Supermarkets were able to not only weather this supply and demand shock, but also to divert all unsold food away from landfills.

New Hampshire's way of life is rooted in our natural surroundings and keeping our landfills as empty as possible is imperative to preserving the environment and our natural resources. Hannaford's pioneering curiosity has led to a landmark achievement in supermarket sustainability. Hannaford Supermarkets' continuing dedication to sustainability and service are immeasurable.